

loyal. The Australians who yielded up their lives there did not die in vain. They clinched the ultimate victory.

That Great Britain will be found to have made her share of mistakes is unquestioned. The point is that most of the so-called great mistakes which she is assumed to have made are either the more or less inevitable concomitants of all newly evolved great enterprises or else what is to be generally expected when going against great odds in hitherto untried experiments.

Everything must have the defect of its qualities. Germany is, by common consent, the most governed nation. Can she, at the same time, be the best governed? She bends her every effort to advance her interests by an increasing extension and refinement of organisation and administration. Can she at the same time be doing the most for developing originality, initiative and personal enterprise among her citizens? During the last twenty years, by an expenditure of endless labour in mastering details and the direction of her activities by more or less competent but centralised authority, she has rapidly progressed. Will the training which the generation which has grown up in this environment has received be of a kind which is best adapted to develop a sufficiency of men with originality and genius to act as competent leaders of the next?

If these questions answer themselves, as I believe they do, we may well hesitate before we blindly follow Germany's lead in developing so-called efficiency by administrative process and we shall be wise if we study, a little more closely, the English people, who could never be accused of slavishly following system but are rather inclined to deal on its merits with each question as it arises, who by centuries of training are averse to becoming mere puppets in a general scheme and who have yet been able to accomplish the altogether remarkable results herein so briefly referred to. If we must have phrases to guide us, suppose we say that we will try to develop British capacity rather than German efficiency.

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